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SUBJECT: TIME'S WYNN INTERVIEW SADAT

1. CAIRO'S ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILIES AL-AKHBAR AND GUMHURIYYA AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILY EGYPTIAN GAZETTE CARRY TIME BUREAU CHIEF WYNN'S INTERVIEW WITH PRESIDENT SADAT AS BANNER HEADLINE STORY.

ARTICLES REPORT SADAT'S COMMENTS ON:

A) ARMS TO ISRAEL: SADAT WELCOMES "US DECISION" TO POSTPONE DELIVERIES OF F-15'S AND LANCE MISSILES.

B) GUARANTEES: EGYPT NEEDS GUARANTEES MORE THAN DOES ISRAEL AND WILL ACCEPT GUARANTEES FROM WHATEVER BODY OFFERS THEM. JOINT PATROLS, HOWEVER, ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE.

C) PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION AT GENEVA: REPRESENTATION OF PALESTINIANS AT MEPC BY ARAB LEAGUE IS POSSIBLE FORMULA; IT MUST UNCLASSIFIED UNCLASSIFIED

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OF COURSE BE AGREED TO BY PALESTINIANS.

D) GENEVA CONFERENCE: WILL BE CONVENED AS SOON AS CO-CHAIRMEN ARE READY AND AS SOON AS ARAB PARTICIPANTS HAVE AGREED ON FORMULA FOR PLO PARTICIPATION. IN ORDER TO AVOID POLARIZATION, SADAT HAS INVITED OTHERS TO ATTEND CONFERENCE. HE NOTED THAT WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORIES WILL NOT BE NEGOTIATED AT GENEVA "BECAUSE IT IS A FACT". (COMMENT: SADAT APPARENTLY MEANT THAT WITHOUT WITHDRAWAL THERE CAN BE NO PEACE SETTLEMENT IN GENEVA.) "TIMETABLE" FOR WITHDRAWAL MAY, HOWEVER, BE AGENDA ITEM.

E) PEACE PROCESS: IT IS IMPORTANT THAT MOMENTUM OF PEACE PROCESS NOT BE LOST. EXTENSION OF UNEF MANDATE WAS DECIDED WITH THIS IN MIND. GENEVA, HOWEVER, NEED NOT BE ONLY ALTERNATIVE IN THIS PROCESS. OTHERS, E.G. UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, MIGHT ALSO BE PURSUED.

F) NON-BELLIGERENCY: SADAT WILL ACCEPT TEXT COMMITTING EGYPT NOT TO RESORT TO USE OF FORCE DURING PEACE PROCESS. HE WILL NOT AGREE TO NON-BELLIGERENCY PLEDGE AS LONG AS ISRAEL OCCUPIES ARAB TERRITORY.

G) SUEZ CANAL: EGYPT MAY EXCLUDE ISRAELI SHIPS FROM CANAL UNDER PROVISIONS OF THE 1888 TREATY OF CONSTANTINOPLE. EGYPT ALSO "HAS THE FULL RIGHT TO PREVENT ISRAELI CARGO FROM TRANSITING CANAL".

H) ARMS LIMITATIONS: SADAT WILL ACCEPT SUCH AN AGREEMENT ONCE ISRAEL COMPLIES WITH SC RES 242 BY WITHDRAWING FROM ALL ARAB TERRITORIES.

I) NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY: SADAT WILL SIGN (ALLOWING INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION), IF ISRAEL WILL TOO.

J) US VISIT: IT IS DIFFICULT FOR SADAT TO VISIT US "WHEN PEACE PROCESS IS FACING SUCH DIFFICULTIES".

2. COMMENT: ONLY NEW POINT IN WYNN INTERVIEW IS SUGGESTION THAT SPECIAL SESSION OF UNGA IS POSSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO GENEVA. SADAT HAS MENTIONED ON OTHER OCCASIONS THAT GENEVA
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OR WAR ARE NOT ONLY COURSES OF ACTION OPEN TO HIM. SADAT IS SUGGESTING HERE THAT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION IS BUT ONE OF SEVERAL OPTIONS HE COULD PURSUE.
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